

## Satire Guided Notes Pictures Explanation/Answer Key

Below are not only explanations of the images in the guided notes and PowerPoint but also some extra examples to help give when going over the notes with students. I try to also get feedback from them as we go through the different terms in order to find out what other examples they can think of.

1. Verbal Irony: The weather in the picture is terrible but the two characters are commenting on how nice it is. No one likes it when it hails, which makes this verbal irony. Another example would be telling someone "Smooth move" after they trip because tripping is a clumsy action.
2. Dramatic Irony: In this picture, Elmer Fudd is trying to figure out whether it is rabbit season or duck season. We as an audience know that Bugs Bunny, the rabbit, is on the left and that Daffy Duck, the duck, is on the right; however, Elmer's face clearly shows that he is confused by the costume as to which one is the duck and which one is the rabbit. Other examples occur often in stage plays, especially Shakespeare, where monologues may let the audience know a secret that the other characters do not know.
3. Situational Irony: The purpose of a fire station is to house people and equipment that put out fires, so the fact that this fire station has caught fire shows a juxtaposition between causes and effects. Another example would be a police station that is getting robbed.
4. Travesty: Although it helps if one understands *The Simpsons*, this image shows the character Disco Stu as a part of a Civil War reenactment roller skating around a battle field where people are pretending to be dead. War is obviously a serious event, so this picture and the larger scene that it's a part of make light of the situation. (In order to be as least offense as possible, this example is a Civil War reenactment, which makes it a light travesty. Normal travesty would target actual war or religion in ways that could be unsettling to students who are just trying to learn about types of satire. *The Life of Brian* by Monty Python is a good example of satire in sometimes a more offense way.)
5. Parody: This scene reenacts Seurat's famous pointillism painting *Grande Jatte and Circus* using Nintendo characters. Although there is not room in the slide to neatly show both images, I show students the original too so they can see the differences and similarities. Weird Al Yankovic songs are also a good example of parody, although for these notes I chose to stick with visual images.
6. Hyperbole: This image exemplifies in a very straightforward way how a statement about something simple, like putting on shoes, can be exaggerated to seem much more difficult.
7. Understatement: The opposite of the previous example, this quote takes a massive shipwreck and makes it seem like it wasn't that big of a deal to the person making the quote. Obviously, this was a life-changing event for himself and many others, so to just say it was "serious" doesn't illustrate the depth of the tragedy.
8. Malapropism: Many Family Circle cartoons rely on mixing up words for humor. The Name Game song is another example of something meant to poke fun at the names of people without being offensive.

9. Anachronism: The humor in this picture is that obviously George Washington and dinosaurs did not coexist, so Washington could not have ridden one into battle. Likewise, Dodge did a commercial a few years ago where Washington was driving a Dodge, which also could not have happened during his lifetime.